Converting F Type Indane Cylinders into Pin Type Cylinders

1876. SHRI SAGAR RAYKA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Indane cylinders as on date in circulation in the country and out of these how many F-type cylinders have so far been converted into safer pin type cylinders during the period 1984-85 and 1985-86;

(b) what are the reasons for slow conversion of F-type cylinders into pin type cylinders; and

(c) what steps are proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) While the number of Indane cylinders in circulation as on October 1, 1986 was 93 lakhs approximately, 11.38 lakh customers were converted from F-type cylinders to pin type cylinders in 1984-85 and 11.04 lakh customers in 1985-86.

(b) and (c) The conversion is being carried out in a phased manner and has already been completed to the extent of around 98 per cent.

Compulsion by Gas Distributors for purchasing gas burners etc. from them

1877. SHRI SAGAR RAYKA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to Government's notice that the customers are compelled by the various gas agencies/distributors to purchase gas burners/hot plates etc. at the time of purchasing new gas connections from them; and

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take against such erring dealers so as to avoid unnecessary financial hardships to the consumers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) LPG distributors are under instructions from the oil companies not to pressurise any customer to purchase LPG stoves from them at the time of release of a new gas connection, since customers have the liberty to purchase the stove from anywhere as long as it carries the ISI certification mark. Punitive action under the LPG Marketing Discipline Guidelines is taken by Oil Companies against erring distributors.

Indane distributors godowns in thickly populated areas in Delhi

1878. SHRI SAGAR RAYKA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many Indane Gas distributors who have recently been appointed by Indian Oil Corporation in the capital have their own godowns for storing cylinders;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a large number of such godowns are located in thickly populated areas of Delhi thereby posing a potential hazard to the people living in and around such godowns; and

(c) if so, what safety measures Government propose to adopt so as to prevent any accident/mishap in such areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The location of the LPG godowns is based on the requisite approvals of the authorities concerned from the view points of safety, fire fighting arrangements and town planning.